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# ABSTRACT

5 A method of playing a poker game including the steps of:  
dealing hands to players;  
during one or more betting rounds, requiring each player to check, call, raise or fold  
within a predetermined time;  
for each player, indicating incremental elapsing of at least a portion of the  
predetermined time;  
10 if a player does not check, call, raise or fold within the predetermined time:  
declaring the player's hand dead if no bet exists in the betting round; or  
holding the player to a check if a bet exists in the betting round;  
after all betting rounds are completed, determining betting by ranking remaining hands.

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